

Dear Public Health Committee Members:

I am writing to you regarding my support of the proposed HB 5149, which I think would strengthen our sober homes in CT. Right now, many people are spending huge sums of money for questionable and unregulated sober life. I would like to see the State of CT have more oversight of these homes. Currently any mom-and-pop operation can exist as a sober home giving the impression that treatment occurs in such a living environment. It is expensive and often ineffective.

Sincerely,
Ron Remer

AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this section, "sober living home" means an alcohol and drug-free residence where (1) unrelated adults who are recovering from a substance use disorder choose to live together in a supportive environment during their recovery, and (2) no formal substance use disorder treatment services are provided.

(b) A sober living home may register with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The department shall establish criteria for the acceptance and revocation of a sober living home registration. Any residence that registers with the department as a sober living home and is occupied by at least one resident who has been diagnosed with opioid use disorder by a licensed health care professional shall, in order to maintain registration, (1) maintain a supply of opioid antagonists on the premises, and (2) provide training in the administration of opioid antagonists to all of its residents. No residence that does not register with the department as a sober living home may advertise or hold itself out as a sober living home in the state.

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